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THE WORK OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSIONS

Dr. R. H. McCaslin succeeds Hon. Frederick I. Thompson as a member of the Alabama Educational Commission. Mr. Thompson resigned during the past month.

Out of the entire study to be made by the commission it is contemplated that an unified, coherent, modern and practical system of education will result. The act makes provision for so much of an appropriation of \$10,000, as may be necessary to do a worthwhile job. The commission is authorized to obtain the services of educators to assist in the scientific solution of the several problems and has employed the best material available for this purpose. Among these problems most frequently discussed by this and previous legislatures are the following:

Course of Study

Duplication in certain institutions of higher learning;

Too many or too few normal schools;

Whether the course of study should be so reorganized as to include the elementary junior and senior high schools;

The interweaving of vocational education throughout the entire system, the education of teachers to teach it, and the organization of machinery through which it is to be practiced and taught;

The study of an adequate and properly trained teaching course for all of the schools and an expansion of the present law for the certification of teachers;

The overhauling of the present teachers' institute law and the advisability of establishing an employment bureau, to place teachers where they are best qualified to serve.

One possible, or probable, result from the entire study of the public school system is that all of the different parts of the system may be brought together and unified under a State Board of Education, either elected or appointed by the governor, having general supervision and control of all of the educational enterprises of the state.

Committee on Colleges

The work of this committee has already begun and will continue for a month or six weeks. Dr. P. P. Claxton, of Washington, U. S. Commissioner of Education, and a large staff of experts are now in the state. A special advisory committee who will be concerned only with higher education will visit the State University at Tuscaloosa, the Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, and other leading institutions. The following gentlemen are members of this committee on higher institutions: Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. A. S. Wood, president of the A. & M. College of Maryland, and Dr. A. R. Mann, formerly of the faculty of the Massachusetts School of Technology and now a member of the United States War Department.

Dr. Hiram Byrd, one of the directors of the National Public Health Service will investigate the health conditions of the schools and those who attend them. He will be assisted by Dr. F. B. Dresslar, of Nashville, now with the Federal Health survey department.

School and home gardening will be looked after by Prof. J. L. Randall, assisted by Prof. C. H. Lane of the Agricultural Department. In this part of the work also will be Dr. C. D. Jarvis, a specialist in agricultural education, Mrs. Catherine Cook specialist in rural education and Miss Carrie Lyford, specialist in home economics.

W. B. Hill, a graduate of the University of Georgia, will have charge of the inspection of work at the negro schools.

With the higher departments of education Dr. S. P. Capen and Dr. H. W. Foght will be busy. Dr. Capen will have charge of the investigation in the absence of Dr. Claxton, who will soon return to Washington.

It is not the intention of the investigators to devote much time to the schools of the larger cities, for these are known to be getting splendid results. They have financial resources that enable them to do much more comprehensive work than the less fortunate schools of the smaller communities. It is the needs of these that will be given the greatest consideration.

PHARMACY AT AUBURN

The pharmacy department at Auburn is a member in good standing of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties. The object of the Conference is to promote the best interests of pharmaceutical education and all institutions holding membership in the same must maintain certain minimum requirements for entrance and graduation. Through the influence of this Conference higher standards of education have been adopted from time to time and the fact that several states by law or by Board ruling recognize the standards of the Conference is evidence of this influence. At the present time, to enter the freshman class, the applicant must be not less than fifteen years of age, of good moral character, and must present fourteen entrance units. The same requirement holds good with regard to the three-year course leading to the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist (Ph. C.). In accordance with the requirements of the American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties, at least two years of High School work are required for entrance to the two-year course in pharmacy leading to the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy Ph. G.

Three courses are offered—the two-year course, leading to the degree, Graduate in Pharmacy; the three-year course, leading to the degree, Pharmaceutical Chemist; and the four-year course, leading to the degree Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.

The Pharmacy building is a three-story brick structure consisting of two fully equipped laboratories, two commodious class rooms, store rooms, and office quarters for the professor in charge. The laboratory equipment is fairly complete, including Faurent polariscope, Pulfrich refractometer, a vacuum distilling and drying apparatus, a three horse power electric motor, a complete outfit for combustion work, and three analytical balances. In addition, a complete line of Pharmaceuticals, crude drugs, chemicals and biologicals are constantly maintained. The Pharmacognosy museum is the most complete in the South.

Of the allied subjects, chemistry is taught in the main chemical building and instruction in Botany and Zoology is given in Comer Hall, the new agricultural building. The Veterinary Medical College supplies instruction to pharmacy students in physiology, pharmacology and bacteriology.

Historically considered, Pharmacy was the fifth course introduced into the College curriculum. It was established by Dr. Wm. Le Roy Broun in 1895 with Dr. E. R. Miller in charge as Adjunct professor. The course was made four years in length and upon graduation the stu-

dent received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. The function, as stated in the catalogue of 1895, was to prepare pharmacists or manufacturing chemists for their chosen profession. Likewise it was stated to be a preliminary course to the study of medicine. A postgraduate course, of one's year's resident study led to the degree, Pharmaceutical Chemist. At this time instruction in Pharmacy was given in the Chemical building. In 1897 the department was moved to the second floor of the chemical building annex. At present time all three floors of this building are devoted to pharmacy. The two-year course in pharmacy was added to the curricula in 1899. This was for the benefit of those students who, for reasons satisfactory to themselves, were unable to pursue the regular four-year course leading to the Bachelor degree.

The growth of the department was gradual. Forty students were enrolled in 1905. In 1912 the number had increased to seventy-six. For the past six years the average number of students receiving instruction in this department has been about sixty-four. This includes a yearly average of fourteen men from the College of Veterinary Medicine, required to pursue a course in manufacturing pharmacy. It will thus be seen that the college has maintained a department of pharmacy whose yearly average roll is fifty. The average number of graduates for the five years immediately preceding the war was sixteen. Total number of graduates, 1895-1915, inc.—one hundred and seventy. This does not include the classes of 1905 and 1906, of whom no records are available.

Graduates of the department are in great demand, not only in Alabama, but all over the South. The demand far exceeds the supply. Many continue their studies in medicine and chemistry; some as teachers of Science in High Schools and Colleges, and still others as food and drug inspectors. However the great majority of our graduates are found in the field of wholesale, retail, or manufacturing pharmacy.

Two young ladies are at present members of the Junior Class. They find the work very agreeable and not too difficult. Any young woman, possessing the necessary educational qualifications, may enroll in the Department of Pharmacy. The field is unlimited. Salaries are uniformly better than can be obtained by women as teachers, stenographers, clerks, or nurses. The hours for women in retail or dispensing pharmacy are reasonable and only in rare cases could be classed as objectionable. We expect to see more young ladies enrolling in this department from year to year.

The pharmacy departments war record is an enviable one. Sixty-eight graduates

or undergraduates of the classes, beginning with 1914, are known to have been in the service. They ranked from Captain to Private. Two gold stars are numbered on the college Service Flag from this Department. They are in memory of Merritt Knight, Ph. G., '16, and Lieut. Arthur J. Thigpen, B. S. in Pharmacy, '14. Several silver stars also are included. The records of graduates of classes previous to '14, of whose members many were doubtless in the great struggle, are not, unfortunately, available.

Our past is glorious; our future promising. With cooperation from Alumni, Board of Trustees, and Faculty, we promise to yield to the State of Alabama dividends far out of proportion to our size and cost.

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS

The recent session of the Alabama Legislature saw the passage of two bills in which all Auburn men will be interested, the Vocational Education¹ Act and the Tick Eradication Act. The latter is a measure in which Dr. Cary has been interested for a long time. He has had, besides the narrow visions of former legislatures, to contend with the woolly individualist who blows dipping vats and the idealist who felt that the state should take up cattle sanitation only after human health had been properly safeguarded. But he has now succeeded in getting the state authorities behind a movement that will make Alabama a great cattle state.

The Vocational bill appropriates the necessary funds to secure the Smith-Lever funds for our farm demonstration work. This work includes not only the activities of the county demonstration system but also those of the boy's corn and pig clubs, girls' poultry and tomato clubs, farm home institutes, and other extension work. Up to the present time local funds, gifts from various state and county organizations have been used to duplicate federal funds. Of course the work has been greatly handicapped; and great results may be expected now that state funds are added to local and national appropriations.

THE ENGINEERING UNIT

The War Department has sent Captain S. E. Borleske Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., to establish and take charge of an Engineering Unit in the Auburn R. O. T. C. This unit will admit students from the civil, electrical, mining, mechanical, and chemical engineering courses. The instruction for those entering will be such as to fit them for army engineering. It is not presumed that any great changes in the course of study will result.

Captain Borleske is a graduate in engineering from the University of Michigan. While there he won considerable fame as an athlete, being a member of the varsity foot-ball team for four years and taking part in nearly all forms of athletics. He has had one year's experience in France, part of the time at the front, with the 116th Engineers.

THE RIFLE RANGE

That Auburn graduate who wrote a letter to the Alumnus several years ago urging that a range be provided for Auburn student marksmen is about to have his wish fulfilled. The plan has been decided upon and Captain Barrs now has several fields under consideration. It is not unlikely that the site will be chosen and that the work of putting it in shape for fall practice will begin at an early date.

It is announced also that ground will be provided for a trench system. When the Artillery Unit is organized, a rather large drill ground and reservation will be necessary. The old drill ground has been too small for a number of years. Auburn has the opportunity of laying out a pretty reservation now that several military units have to be provided for. In case these fields are worked in with our present arrangement of buildings and with some artistic design, the campus and grounds will present a more beautiful as well as a more harmonious view.

COOPERATIVE STORE ESTABLISHED

The Auburn Athletic Association has recently established in the discarded canteen building a cooperative store. Lieut. J. E. Pitts, of football fame, is manager. The plan of cooperation with the student body or buyers has not been announced but it is supposed that this announcement will be made soon. The chief stockholder will be the Athletic Association.

At present such supplies as cigars, cigarettes, candies, toilet articles, and athletic goods are sold. Ultimately books, other college supplies, and perhaps clothing will be added to the stock, so that the "Co-op," as it is called, will be a general supply store for college students. There is undoubted need for such a store and it is hoped that the plan adopted by the Athletic Association will prove a great success.

MID-WINTER COLLEGE EXERCISES ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

February 21-22, 1919

Senior Class Day

Friday, February 21, 1919.

10:30 a. m.—Class Exercises—Langdon

Hall.
Address of President by
Mr. C. H. Cutts.
Class Poem by Miss Helen
Blasingame.
Class History by Miss
Alma Smith.
Class Prophecy by Mr. C.
E. Carlovitz.
Class Oration by Mr. C. E.
Stapp.

3:00 p. m.—Baseball.

8:00 p. m.—Senior Entertainment —
Gymnasium.

Military Day

Saturday, February 22, 1919.

9:45 a. m.—First Call.
10:00 a. m.—Assembly.
10:15 a. m.—Escort of Governor.
10:25 a. m.—Adjutant's Call.
10:30 a. m.—Exhibition of Butts Manual.
First Battalion.
10:40 a. m.—Exhibition of Physical
Drills. Second Battalion.
10:50 a. m.—Ceremony of Escort of the
Color.
11:00 a. m.—Regimental Parade and Re-
view.
11:15 a. m.—Presentation of Certificates
of Appointment to Cadet
Officers.
11:30 a. m.—Commemorative Exercises.
Presentation of Service
Flag.
Acceptance, Lieut. Gov-
ernor Nathan L. Miller.
Oration, Dr. R. H. McCas-
lin.
3:00 p. m.—Football—Class Champion-
ship.
8:00 p. m.—Sophomore-Freshman En-
tertainment.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MILLER AC- CEPTS SERVICE FLAG FOR STATE AT AUBURN

*Historic Langdon Hall Filled With Splen-
did Audience for Commemorative Ex-
ercises—Auburn's Service Flag Carries
2,000 Stars, Including 29 Golden Stars
—Dr. McCaslin is Orator.*

The program for the twenty-second, which is Military Day at Auburn, was most interesting and impressive. The exercises began with an exhibition drill by the Reserve Officers Training Corps, included a review of the regiment by Lieutenant Governor Miller, Adjutant General Moon, Honorable Henry P. Merritt, Speaker of the House of Representatives and President Thach.

The central feature of the commemorative exercises in Langdon Hall, which was filled with a splendid audience, was the presentation from the students and faculty of the service flag carrying two

thousand stars, including twenty-nine gold stars. The presentation was made by C. H. Adams of Ozark, of the senior class in behalf of the student body, and by Dean George Petrie, in behalf of the faculty. Lieutenant Governor Nathan L. Miller accepted the flag in a most thoughtful and earnest address which was marked by frequent applause. In his remarks Governor Miller gave his strong endorsement to the League of Nations. He congratulated the institution on its record of service not only to the state but to the nation, both in time of peace and in war.

The oration of the occasion was delivered by Dr. R. H. McCaslin, of Montgomery, who held his audience spell-bound by one of the most moving and eloquent addresses ever delivered in Langdon Hall. His theme was "The Flag," the symbol of liberty, service, and manhood, and his oration was a brilliant interpretation of the history, sentiment, and significance of the national emblem.

Hon. Henry P. Merritt was introduced to the audience and made a most happy response, emphasizing the plan of a State memorial to be erected in Montgomery in honor of the loyal sons of Alabama who fought in the great battle for the safety of democracy.

Langdon Hall was beautifully decorated for the historic occasion, two interesting features being a handsome scroll designed by W. P. Spratling of the Department of Architecture, bearing the names of the twenty-nine Auburn men who made the supreme sacrifice, and a beautiful wreath of immortelles in the national colors presented by the Paterson brothers of Montgomery, loyal Alumni of Auburn. The exercises were concluded by President Thach's reading from the scroll the list of the honored dead, the audience rising in respect, the final taps being sounded by the Bandmaster, Prof. A. L. Thomas.

A feature of the exercises was the reading by Prof. B. B. Ross of a resolution of the Alumni stating that it was the purpose of the Auburn Alumni Association to erect at the college a fitting memorial building as a monument to the loyal sons of the institution who fought in the Great War. Another interesting feature of the day's program of exercises was the luncheon tendered guests of the Institution at the residence of President and Mrs. Chas. C. Thach.

AUBURN'S MEMORIAL

When America was forced into the great war we were lamentably short as a people of military training and military skill. A great pacific nation, given over to a preoccupation with our domestic affairs, we had proceeded on the assumption that war had been banished

for all time and that time devoted to military training was time wasted.

When we faced the facts squarely—when we realized that we had to fight the greatest military power in history, and when we realized that no war in all history demanded so much, in skill and knowledge of the officers, men who were to lead men, there was a little panicky feeling. We had unlimited man power; there was no better material for soldiers in the world than the sturdy and self-reliant youth of America. But they had no military training, and there was an alarming dearth of men, who were skilled enough to jump in and conduct the training.

It was fortunate, at this juncture, that we had a number of American schools and colleges, who had not been led aside by the popular error of the recent past, into abandoning military training. A surprisingly large number of American schools, had made the mistake of banishing military science from their curriculum. In Alabama, the Alabama Polytechnic Institute was one of the institutions which had clung to this fundamental of national education; the military feature of that institution was maintained, in the face of an indifferent public sentiment.

When the crisis arrived, when the hurried call came, Auburn was able to supply men to fill the great national deficiency—men who had been grounded in the basic principles of military science, and who, with a little preliminary training to acquaint them with the development of military science during the great war were equipped to become the officers who were so sorely needed. In America a million men may spring to arms between sundown and sunrise, but no trained and skilled officers could spring out of the darkness to lead them.

Auburn was able to play a conspicuous part in the war. In the just pride felt by the faculty and the alumni of the institution, February 22nd, always an Auburn rally and holiday, was turned over to honoring the men who went from Auburn to serve their country, and particularly those who died in the service. The service flag presented to the college on Saturday contained two thousand stars; that many men trained at Auburn had served in the army. Nearly all of them were officers.

The men of Auburn, who made the supreme sacrifice—who died on the field of battle, numbered twenty-nine. No less than twenty-five Auburn men were decorated for conspicuous gallantry on the field. It is an honorable record and Auburn does well to preserve it.

At Auburn they will build a great memorial to the service of its men in the war. It will be a college undertaking—carried forward by the faculty and the alumni.

—*Editorial Advertiser.*



MAJOR HARTLEY A. MOON
Now Adjutant General of Alabama.

FORTY-THREE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS RETURN TO STUDENT BODY

A most interesting feature in connection with the military exercises at Auburn on the twenty-second was a reception tendered by President Thach and Lieutenant-Governor Miller, to forty-three students of the college who held commissions as lieutenants in the United States army, and who resumed their education when discharged from the service. The following young officers were present:

Cyrus A. Ashcraft, Florence; Richard C. Bradford, Centre; Anthony J. Bowab, Atmore; Thomas L. Bradley, Birmingham; Joseph C. Burton, Florence; Harold A. Bowron, Birmingham; Stuart H. Dent, Eufaula; George W. Duncan, Auburn; Edwin W. Freeman, Starke, Fla.; James M. Fullan, Auburn; W. H. Philpot, Hurtsboro; Barclay A. Storey, Talladega; William F. Godwin, Valdosta, Ga.; John H. Trapp, Tupelo, Miss.; Garner A. Goodbread, Ozark; John E. Wideberg, Jamesburg, N. J.; Silas C. Rutland, LaGrange, Ga.; Edmond P. Garrett, Belle Mina; George B. Komp, Charles N. Johnston, Sweetwater; Jack M. Linx, Birmingham; James F. Mauray, Spring Hill; Frank S. McFadden, Montgomery; George A. Mattison, Ashland; Robert M. Beasley, Auburn; Cohen E. Stapp, Carrollton; Charles P. Storrs, Tallassee; Edward H. Todd, Birmingham; Earl C. Nichols, Jackson; Claude Sizemore, Guin; Ernest G. Small, Minter; Joseph Thomas, Dadeville; Nor-

man D. Spann, Dothan; Roy H. Turner, Dadeville; Milton O. Howle, Birmingham; James W. Vaiden, Uniontown; Carl E. Wideberg, Jamesburg, N. J.; Joseph C. Kendrick, Greenville; LeRoy L. Self, Trafford; John Oliver, Reform; J. E. Howell, Ozark; H. T. Killingsworth, Ga.

Since this date two others have entered: W. E. Snuggs, Roanoke, Ala.; and Forrest W. McMeans, Birmingham, Ala.



CAPTAIN L. V. ROSSER, '72
Who Was Captain of Co. B. in the First
Battalion Formed at Auburn. Ex-
tracts from His Reminiscences
of the College in 1872 Will
Be Published Later

CERTIFICATES ARE PRESENTED AUBURN RESERVE OFFICERS

Following the review of the regiment of Auburn Cadets on Feb. 22, Lieutenant Governor Miller in the name of the college, presented certificates of appointment to the following commissioned officers of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps:

Cadet Majors—Thomas B. Chambers, Athens; Charles H. Adams, Ozark.

Cadet Captains—Phillip W. Pitts, Schlater, Miss.; Elisha F. Pollard, Luverne; Solomon J. Nadler, Gadsden; George A. Wright, Auburn; Edwin E. Terry, Huntsville; John P. Sullivan, Anderson, S. C.; Europe A. Caldwell, Scottsboro; John Thomas, Rembert; Eugene H. Crawford, Tuskegee; Willard M. Mobley, Birmingham; Frederick H. Cutts, Cordele, Ga.; Jefferson W. Pruett, Weogufka.

First Lieutenants—Angus A. Smith, Slocomb; Robert H. Hamner, Cordele,

Ga.; Lionel E. Tisdale, Bluff Springs, Fla.; James W. Tidmore, Moundville; William C. Edwards, Clanton; Philip Frederick, Hogansville, Ga.; Wilbur A. Pipkin, Mulberry, Fla.; Lynn C. Watson, Birmingham; Marvin L. Perdue, Elba; Louis C. Vaughn, Conyers, Ga.; Casper J. Perryman, Birmingham.

Second Lieutenants — George D. Wright, Auburn; Raymond B. Kelly, Birmingham; Desmond Crain, Lamson; William L. Holmes, Dothan; Homer Carder, Birmingham; Marvin E. Bryant, Stockton; Arthur L. Jones, Anniston; Grady W. Jones, Atmore; William M. Little, Royston, Ga.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL BUILDING

During the exercises of February twenty-second, the following resolution of Auburn alumni was read:

Whereas, in the great world war which has been brought to a close by a glorious victory for our great nation and its allies, more than 2000 Auburn men, represented all ranks from the Lieutenant General to the humble private, responded to the call of their country, and served with gallantry and fidelity in its army and navy; and, whereas, many of these men made the supreme sacrifice in behalf of the great cause for which they fought;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alumni of Auburn assembled in celebration of the Father of our Country, and for the purpose of dedicating this service flag, that we favor the erection upon the campus of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute a memorial building to fitly commemorate the service and sacrifices of the men of Auburn who enlisted in the army and navy of the Union, and nobly and heroically did their part in this great conflict which was waged in behalf of human liberty and justice.

In determining thus to honor those of our men who so nobly served and who so heroically died in the cause of their country, "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

On the evening of February 27 representatives of Alumni Association, of the faculty, and of the student body met in the faculty room to discuss plans for this memorial building. The following men were present; Professors Petrie, Wilmore, Crenshaw, Rutland, Messick, Biggin, Thomas, Blake, Donahue, Hare, Bragg, Callan, Hulse, Powell, Martin, Hixon, Robinson, Stratton, Powell, Bragg, and Shi. Lieut. J. E. Pitts, manager of the "Co-Op," and, among the students, the class presidents and C. H. Adams were present. President Thach presided.

After full and free discussion, the meeting voted to erect a memorial building rather than some other kind of memorial. While the meeting could take no definite action on the kind of building to be erected, many proposals were offered.

Among those considered were infirmary, administration building, auditorium, students' building, science hall, students' social and religious building with auditorium, a building having a memorial tower and and sculptured group to make the memorial idea prominent, having auditorium, club rooms, quarters for Y. M. C. A. and other college activities, and including such conveniences as are needed in a students' social center. The last idea seemed to meet the approval of the majority of those in the meeting.

It was the sense of the meeting that the Auburn Alumni Association should take charge of the campaign and that the faculty and students should select committees to cooperate with the Alumni Association. It was agreed also that co-operating with this central committee should be a committee of the friends of the institution who are not officially connected with any of the groups represented at the meeting. The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association announced that a fund of \$2000.00, now available, would be contributed to the building fund.

ATHLETICS

Football

The football team at Auburn this season, like everything else, was on a war time basis and as a result we had an S. A. T. C. team instead of an "Auburn" team. Of the men of the previous team, who had whipped Vanderbilt and humbled the proud Ohioans, only Captain Rogers remained. With the light material on hand Coach Donahue started moulding a team. The Tigers met some good teams but each game only meant another defeat. Our old rivals at Vandy and Tech both got the big end of the score. Camp Greenleaf and Camp Gordon with their all-American casts succeeded in defeating the Tigers after hard scraps. This was all to be expected in view of the fact that our team averaged little more in weight than the usual run of high school teams and in addition obtained only a small amount of practice. Coach Donahue, however, paid them a just and fair tribute when he described them as "one of the hardest fighting teams that ever represented Auburn."

Next year we expect a star team. The boys who have been over the pond making the Kaiser leave wife and home are expected back and if such men as "Red" Jones, Bonner brothers, Moon Ducote, and Caton come back it will be some team that Auburn puts in the field. This year class teams put out some good men and together with the 33 letter men who according to rumor are to be back, Auburn should take her old place at the head of the South grid-ironists.

Basket Ball

Keeping up her record of the past two years Auburn came to the front with a crack basket squad and is about to usurp the place formerly held by Georgia in the college basket ball world. Just how impressive a record was made by the Tigers can be seen from the fact that Auburn twice defeated Georgia who in turn defeated Atlanta Athletic Club for the championship. Only an injury to two of her star players prevented Auburn from defeating Atlanta and turning this same trick. The Auburn basketballers defeated the formidable Camp Benning, Montgomery, and Georgia teams by large scores. The team consisted of Barks and Floyd, forwards; Hahn, center; Wade and Trapp, guards. Several men on the squad were given their "A's" and it is hoped this practice will be continued as it tends to put more good players and "pep" into the games.

Baseball

The Auburn tossers started this season with the rise of the sap and quite an array of youngsters came out to show their wares. There are a few veterans out but the new men are all fast and full of "pep" and it looks as if we are going to have a good team. Coach Donahue has been especially fortunate in having Captain Borleske, of the R. O. T. C. unit here, to assist him in developing a team. The Captain was once a star at the University of Michigan and later played in professional company before answering his country's call. Next to licking the Hun there is nothing the Captain likes better than baseball; and it is certainly a treat to see him performing these spring afternoons in an Auburn uniform.

Behind the bat Anderson of last year's team and Sharpe will probably be the mainstays. George Johnston, Auburn's star hurler, batsman and iron man of last year, is looked to for most of the hur'ing duties and if he needs any help we have three good assistants in Bridges, Ollinger, and Whipple. At first Lassiter and Hooper, two freshmen, are fighting it out. Both are fine players but Lassiter is something of a slugger and therefore has the edge. Barnes at second, Scott at short both played last year and are fixtures. Richardson at third promises to be a find. This freshman had rather steal bases than eat and we warn opposing catchers to look out for this lad. Whipple, a big boy back from chasing Heinies, is stationed in right and reports say he will be clean-up man. Creel, who once played football and is back from the navy, will hold down center. Left field will probably go to Ollinger. Beasley, an ex-Jackie, is an excellent fielder and bitter, but he is awaiting appointment to one of the

government academies for officer making and will therefore be unable to play.

This seasons schedule is an ambitious one and includes, Boston Red Sox, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Mercer, Oglethorpe, Spring Hill, and probably Mississippi A. & M.

Auburn has definitely decided to enter Georgia Tech's track meet at Atlanta. We have in Martin and Wideburg two excellent men at vaulting, hurdling, running and jumping. Wideburg is high school champion of New Jersey while Martin has quite a "rep" in Alabama. The writer predicts that these men will carry off several events.

B. J. Coplan.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. N. COLEMAN, '98

Who is in Europe With the American Army of Occupation.

PIPKIN MAKES GOOD

Marvin Pipkin, 1913, entered the army November 5th, 1917, and on account of his chemical training was assigned to the Gas Defense Service, then a part of the Medical Department. For nearly fifteen months he has been employed in chemical research work for the Gas Defense and Chemical Warfare Service. During this time he has been promoted from a private to the highest non-commissioned rank in the United States Army. Master Engineer Pipkin is what might be called a "born research chemist." He has the capacity for work, perseverance, initiative, and ingenuity that the profession

requires. He has never been content, in all my knowledge of him, to simply follow instructions in a routine manner. He can work out other people's ideas, but he also has plenty of ideas himself. During his eighteen months' service he has been called upon to help solve problem after problem in a variety of subjects. Some of these problems were confined purely to chemistry, others were of a mechanical nature, and still others combined engineering and chemistry. He has not, of course, always been successful in finding a satisfactory solution, but he has succeeded more times than he has failed. The greatest part of his work has been on "impregnated" charcoal, that is charcoal treated in such a manner as to make it a more efficient absorbent for war-gases. In this work Pipkin has been especially successful. It has been due mainly to his efforts that this laboratory has produced the best absorbent for war gases known to the Chemical Warfare Service. This material, has, in part, been named after him. For about eight months Master Engineer Pipkin has been directing the work of several other chemists.—(Extract from letter of commanding officer.)

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. D. ELLIOT, '02

J. D. Elliot, at the beginning of the war, was Captain and Supply Officer, 34th U. S. Infantry. June to August, 1917, Instructor, 1st Officers' Training Camp, Madison Barracks, N. Y. August to December, 1917, Instructor and Senior Instructor, 2nd Officers' Training Camp, Fort Niagara, N. Y. August 5, 1917, promoted Captain to Major. December 28th, 1917, appointed Adjutant General, 4th U. S. Division (Regulars). Served at Camp Greene, N. C. until April 1918 when sailed for France. Served in Northern France with British until June. Division ordered to Chateau Thierry district in June. Attended and graduated at Army General Staff College from latter part of July to September. Served in Vosges Mountains with 81st and 92nd Divisions in September and with 4th Division at Argonne in latter part of September. Promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel September 5, 1918. Returned to U. S. for Staff duty in November, 1918.

ALUMNI PERSONALS

"Rex" Boyd, officially known as David French Boyd, Jr., who spent his short pants existence in Auburn, and an Ex-'95 man, is a Captain in the Navy and in command of the ship Olympia at Naples, Italy.

Guy French Boyd, '00, having been

mustered out as First Lieutenant at Camp Lee, Va., is now pastor of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church at Petersburg, Virginia.

Jesse Wright Boyd, '00, when last heard of was a Major in the Regular Army in the office of the Depot Quartermaster in France.

Ernest McComas Spiller, Ex-'10, is a First Lieutenant of Engineers in France. His home is Wytheville, Va.

Dudley C. Thornton, 1904, joined in August, 1918, the U. S. A. Signal Corps, Aviation Section, as Second Lieutenant. He has had the following assignments: Washington, D. C.; Vancouver Barracks, Wash.; Joyce, Wash.; and Camp Grant, Ill.

Mellville Sommer, 1907, enlisted as a private at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in May, 1918, and was assigned to Co. E., 37th U. S. Engineers. He was wounded on August 16, 1918, in an air raid at La Ferte, near Chateau Thierry.

L. Erle Thornton, 1903, enlisted in Civil Engineering Corps of the U. S. Navy in June, 1918, as Second Lieutenant. He has been stationed at Washington, D. C., and Pensacola, Fla., in this country and in our Paris Naval Headquarters, and with the air stations in Pauillac, Montchic, Le Croisic, in France. He is still in the service at Pensacola, Fla.

J. V. Denson, 1905, enlisted in August, 1918, as Captain in Chemical Warfare Service and was sent to Camp Humphreys, Va., for training. His detachment was at Hoboken ready to go overseas when the armistice was signed.

W. O. Jelks, 1909, enlisted at Athens, Ga., in May, 1918, as a private in the

Radio branch and was later sent to Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky., C. O. T. S. where he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, and retained as instructor until discharged last December.

Harry Bates, '17, is a naval aviator and is stationed at Pensacola.

James G. Nall, '17, is an aviator at Camp Taylor near Montgomery, Ala.

Sam Woolf, '08, has been First Lieutenant in the U. S. A. Medical Corps and has seen service in France. He is now in business in New York City.

Joe J. Taylor, 1910, was commissioned Second Lieutenant at Nogales, Arizona, in December, 1917, and attached to the 35th Infantry. Later he was transferred to Camp Wadsworth and assigned to the Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun Battalion. With this unit he served in France from September, 1918, to January, 1919.

Miller Reese Hutchison, 1897, has been a member of the Navy Consulting Board of the United States of America from its organization and is still engaged in the work. It is interesting to note that the civilian status of this board was maintained by the Secretary of the Navy because he thought more rapid results would be gained thereby; and that each member took the oath taken by naval officers and is subject to the orders of the Secretary of the Navy.

B. M. Spielberger, enlisted on September, 1917, and was assigned to Battery A, 122nd Field Artillery, 33rd Division, and is now in Luxemburg.



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Auburn Analyzer, monthly, 1883-4. W. L. Hutchinson, Editor.

Auburn Monthly Collegian, 1885-1887. 2 vols.

College Topics, monthly, January-June, 1891. C. C. Johnson, Editor.

College Index, monthly, 1892-93. Dr. C. H. Ross, Editor.

Orange and Blue, weekly, Nov. 7, 1894-June 6, 1895. L. S. Boyd and J. A. Duncan, Editors.

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